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SECRET USSR REPORT ADMITS FAILURE
OF HUNGARIAN COLLECTIVIZATION

After issuing copious false reports and production data, the USSR Agitation Propaganda Department, Agitprop, has secretly reported the failure of agricultural collectivization to break Hungarian peasant resistance. USSR braintrust members admit that there are innumerable hindrances to the attainment of Soviet production demands and that agricultural producers' cooperatives usually show poorer results than independent farmers.

The secret report cites lack of work discipline as a foremost cause of the failures. The party ordered all laxity in agriculture ended, and censured cooperative presidents, who but recently were independent farmers and knew little of large-scale kolkhoz management, for seeking popularity with cooperative members and yielding to the attitude of the masses. Cooperative presidents also instituted an 8-hour day, instead of the 10-12 hours necessary for agricultural workers. Some 30-40 percent of kolkhoz members do not work at all, and in some places only 120 out of 200 members work properly.

The first measure taken to bolster production was to transport groups of peasants to locations where harvesting was delayed. Each member of the group had special assignments. The number of permanent groups was also increased. Meanwhile, due to failure of the cooperatives, farmers were drifting back to individual farming. The bonus, which was the main incentive for peasants, was not awarded to 90 percent of the kolkhozes.

To speed the work tempo, formerly intractable peasant women were pressed into the harvest work. It was also announced that the system of apportioning fields for harvest will be used also in plowing and other agricultural work, and penalties for avoiding work have been dealt out. The report reveals that the 80-unit work norm can now be attained only by applying penalty regulations.

The report admits that the willful resistance of the peasantry is leading the order of the People's Democracy to a grave crisis.

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